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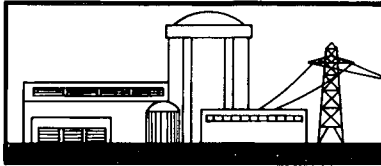
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Subject: B&W Owners Group Topical Report BAW-2245, Revision 1, "Initial RT_{NDT} of LINDE 80 Welds Based on Fracture Toughness in the Transition Range."

Gentlemen:

As a result of recent discussions with the NRC Staff concerning the subject topical report and actions currently in progress regarding the promulgation of a related ASTM standard, the B&W Owners Group (B&WOG) hereby requests that review of this topical report be temporarily suspended. The B&WOG is hopeful that the ASTM standard will have progressed sufficiently within the next six months so that the NRC's review process can be reactivated early in 1997. B&WOG representatives plan to maintain contact with the NRC Staff to periodically assess the progress of the ASTM standard and the future review scheduled for the topical report. It is requested that NRC Staff continue to actively support and participate in this ASTM standard development so that timely resolution of open issues and approval of the standard can be achieved.

Should there be any questions about this matter, please contact D. L. Howell (804/832-3293) or me at 804/832-2817.

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